



The Cross And The Flame



June 2010

Be Faithful

Liberty Pole—June 2010

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Faith-filled ways to say “Thank You” to God this summer:

As you plant flowers in your garden, say thank you to God for their gift of color. Give at least as much back to God as you spend on flowers this year.

Use your time and talents to raise money for outreach. Do you have a garden? Do you have more zucchini than you can eat? What about tomatoes, beans or sweet corn? Maybe you have some friends and neighbors who would gladly give a gift towards a mission of your church in exchange for some of your vegetables—fresh, frozen or canned.

Put a container in the middle of the kitchen table and invite family members to make a special offering—perhaps even \$1/day to say thank you for a joy each day.

If your grocery bill tends to rise during the summer because more people are home and you have more visitors, try planning your menus around what’s on sale each week. Then with the money you save, you can make an extra gift to the mission and ministry of your church.

Remember, God doesn’t take vacations from us! If you’re heading out on a special vacation—enjoy! Give thanks for the memories you’ll make by signing up for online bill pay through your bank. Then, your offerings will be sent to the church automatically whether you’re on vacation or in your regular pew each week.

Honor those you love with a special gift to the overall mission and ministry of your church through our apportionments. “A-portion-meant for others” can be a wonderful way to remember loved ones as a part of their gift for birthdays, anniversaries and other milestones.

Viroqua—June 2010

June 6

Ushers: Veryel & Lorraine Gerdl

Liturgist: Phyllis Kalnins

Greeter: Annabel McGarry

Nursery: Angie Hanson

June 13

Ushers: Bob & Janet Starr

Liturgist: Phyllis Kalnins

Greeter: Sandy Malliet

Nursery: Janette Hanson

June 20

Ushers: Betty Ross & Lynn Whitney

Liturgist: Phyllis Kalnins

Greeter: Dave/Lorna Peterson

Nursery: Jennifer Wade

June 27

Ushers: Pat Matz & Ardith Olson

Liturgist: Phyllis Kalnins

Greeter: Minie Hirschfield

Nursery: Judy Ball



FROM THE PASTOR:



June is a big month, it is full of changes, young people have graduated from High School and College, other people are planning vacations and the United Methodist Church has its Annual Conference. This year the Annual Conference will be in La Crosse. This is the first year it has been near us in many, many years. It will be another year when plans begin to be made for our future as a Denomination in Wisconsin.

What does the future hold for the United Methodist Church in Wisconsin? I, like many people in the Church, have hopes but the future is a blank slate. God knows what tomorrow holds, we are less, much less, knowledgeable. We have our expectations and our hopes for our Churches, only God knows what the future holds.

This has been on my mind for a couple of reasons. First, with Laverne's appointment to New Hope and Retreat, my feeling and expectation is that we will be staying here for a number of years. Secondly, because of all the research that I did over the last six months on the history of Christianity and Christian missions around the world, I have thought about the Churches that were once strong and now are gone; a few of them because of natural disasters, but most of them because of conflict and coercion and political changes.

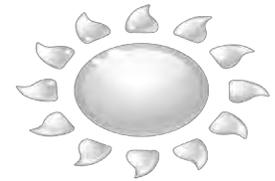
The Church in Nubia is the one I thought about the most. Nubia was a region of eastern Africa that at times was unified under one kingdom and at other times was a grouping of kingdoms united by culture and language. They were allied with the kingdoms of Israel and Judah in Old Testament times. The gospel was taken to this region by the end of the first Christian century and Christianity was the dominant religion by the end of the third century. They were a Church that sent Missionaries as far west as Lake Chad and stood against the Muslim armies from Arabia and Egypt for several hundred years until they were finally overwhelmed in the fourteenth century. The Church lasted, even under very harsh conditions, into the nineteenth century when the last historical reference to the Church is their request of the Church in Ethiopia to send them pastors because theirs had been killed. I know that story is sad and a little morbid but we also have the church in Damascus that has stood for nearly 2,000 years, the Church that Paul went to attack and on the way was converted later becoming the greatest Christian missionary in the New Testament.

My question is, what do you think God wants your Church to look like tomorrow? The tomorrow that is a year away, a decade away or even longer down the road of time? I believe God wants to see these congregations thrive and be centers for ministry, mission and worship, not for a few but for hundreds.

Pastor Ethan

PASTOR ETHAN WILL BE ON VACATION FROM MAY 31—JUNE 12. FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE CALL REV. KAREN BANKES OF LA FARGE/DELL 625-2375, OR REV. GEORGE SCHICK OF WESTBY 634-2092.

SUNBEAM DAYCARE



WELCOME to Ciara!

- Summer is here! We will be outside a lot and might get dirty or wet. Please be sure your child has extra clothes available.
- Monday mornings will be park days during the summer.
- Thanks for saving those MILK MOOLA caps! Donation containers are found in the hallway outside the daycare or upstairs near the chapel.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6th Heather

21st Xavier turns 2

25th Nevaeh & Trey turn 2

28th Isabella turns 2

JUNE THEMES

Ducks

Dairy Days

Fudge

Shapes

Fun in the Sun

SPECIAL DAYS

3rd—wear yellow

4th—SACK LUNCH DAY

9th wear BLACK & WHITE

11th- Dairy Day

18th- Important Guys in our Lives

25th-SACK LUNCH DAY

DONATIONS

SUNBEAM DAYCARE WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

Toys

Food

Paper Towels

Trash Bags

Craft Supplies

Financial Summary for April 2010

	Viroqua	Liberty Pole
Monthly receipts	14,619.15	4750.79
Monthly disbursements	14,875.14	4186.38
Year-to-date receipts	67,020.07	16,034.88
Year-to-date disbursements	71,750.72	20,133.99
Balance on hand 4/30/10	7000.18	-1264.72
Savings	5,002.02	
Conference Apportionments owed for the year	19,872	8,400
Conference Apportionments paid to date	5,615.00	400
Missions/special gifts for the year	5,844.10	740

VIROQUA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who furnished food, worked and donated to the Salad Luncheon—we cleared \$960 which will be used to fulfill our budget. We pledge \$1100 a year to Missions which help women and children around the world. We will meet on June 2 to discuss the Salad Luncheon but will NOT meet during the summer. The Lydia Circle members will provide cookies and coffee before church for June, July and September. We also did Vernon Manor devotions on May 26.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 2: Executive Committee 9:30AM

July 12: Drive-in-Day, School of Christian Missions, Stevens Point

July 13-16: School of Christian Missions

September 9: Executive Committee 12:30PM

General Meeting & Lydia Circle 1:30PM
(World Thank Offering)

September 18: District Annual Celebration, Peace Church, Richland Center

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR JUNE

With Pastor Ethan away, we will be having the following guest speakers for June 6 and June 20;

JUNE 6: Special Music Worship (LP)

Viroqua Choir "A Sermon in Song" (V)

JUNE 20: Wayne Goplin (both churches)

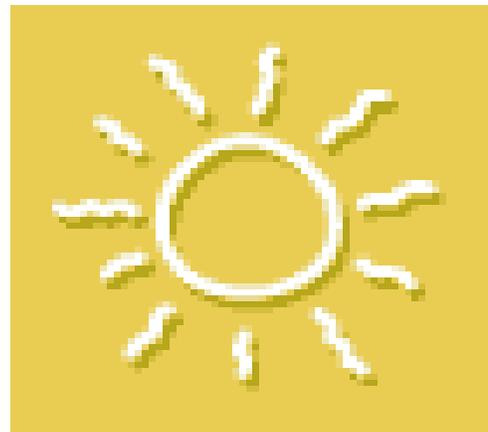
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHEN: JUNE 13-JUNE 16 2010

WHERE: LA CROSSE CENTER, LA CROSSE WI

SUMMER IS COMING!

As you plan your summer activities and outings, remember that both churches are available to meet your worship needs. Liberty Pole members with Sunday morning activities are always welcome at Viroqua, and Viroqua members with Sunday early lunch engagements or road trips are always welcome to worship at Liberty Pole. You will find an open door at whichever church's worship service works for your summer schedule!

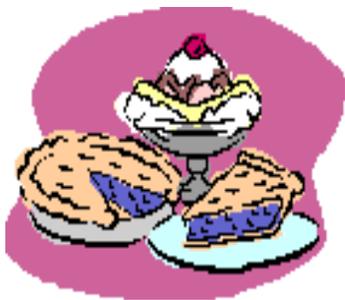


Committee Meeting Minutes:

In an effort to make the newsletter less cumbersome, we will be putting all meeting minutes on the website only. There will also be a paper copy of all minutes available at the office and at the Liberty Pole church for review, or for anyone requesting a print copy. Vital information for the good of the church will still be published in the newsletter. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions.

LIBERTY POLE NEWS

LIBERTY POLE UMW WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 9TH AT 5:30PM. THE HOSTESSES WILL BE DEB SOLVERSON, JUDY ERICKSON AND KIM EICK. SYNEVE HAGEN, SIGNE MIKKELSON AND KIM ROBSON WILL BE PAYING. THE PROGRAM WILL BE THE ESTHER CIRCLE.



PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Pie and Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday June 27 from Noon-2:00PM at the Viroqua United Methodist Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will be used to combat World Hunger.

RELAY FOR LIFE By Cyndy Hubbard

Hundreds of people in the Vernon County area, including members of the Viroqua and Liberty Pole UMC will soon walk or run for the American Cancer Society fundraiser "Relay For Life." This will be the sixth year our churches have participated. However, have you ever heard how the relay originally got started?

The Relay For Life was first held in 1985. Dr. Gordy Klatt, a Tacoma colorectal surgeon, wanted to raise money in support of his cancer patients. He decided in May of 1985 to run or walk for 24 hours straight at the University of Puget Sound Baker Stadium in Tacoma. Friends were asked to donate \$25 to walk or run for 30 minutes. Twenty four hours later, he had run 83 miles and raised \$27,000 to fight cancer.

Dr. Klatt found the 24 hour event such a positive experience that he formed a committee headed by Pat Flynn to organize a community wide event for 1986. Flynn and her committee named the event the City of Destiny Classic 24 Hour Run Against Cancer. Nineteen teams raised \$33,000 at this first team relay event in 1986.

Through the years, it has become much more than a fundraiser to earn money to fight cancer. The Relay For Life celebrates the lives of those who have battled cancer and survived and remembers those who have lost their lives to the disease.

Last year, more than 3.5 million people were involved nationwide in what is now known as the ACS Relay For Life. At the Viroqua Relay For Life, little brown paper bags are decorated by friends and families in memory of loved ones who have lost their lives to cancer. A candle is placed in each of these bags.

This year, the relay will be held on June 11-12 at the Vernon County Fairgrounds racetrack. For more information or to sign up for the Viroqua or Liberty Pole UMC team contact either Barb Robson at 637-2945 or Hester Nelson at 637-3415.

ATTENTION VIROQUA CHURCH MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Please sign up to help provide special music while the choir is on Summer vacation. We have some people signed up but there are still plenty of Sundays available. Many thanks to the Viroqua Choir for sharing their gift of song this past year!

Open your heart to the love God instills....God loves you tenderly. What He gives you is not to be kept under lock and key, but to be shared. *Mother Teresa*

Viroqua & Liberty Pole United Methodist Churches: June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:30AM – Viroqua LIMW Executive Committee 1:15 Prayer Group 6:30 Choir Practice (Viroqua)	3	4	5
6 Pastor on vacation Guest preachers: LP: Music Worship V: Choir "A Sermon in Song"	7	8 6:30PM Viroqua Trustees	9 1:15 Prayer Group 5:30PM Liberty Pole LIMW	10	11	12
13 Annual Conference begins in La Crosse	14	15 7PM Viroqua Ad. Council	16 Annual Conference ends 1:15PM Prayer Group	17 6PM Worship Committee (V)	18	19
20 Guest Preacher will be Wayne Goplin at both churches Viroqua will serve the meal at Fortney Hotel	21 4PM Missions Committee (V)	22	23 1:15PM Prayer Group NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24	25	26
27 Pie & Ice Cream Social 12:00-2:00PM (V)	28	29	30 1:15pm Prayer Group			

LP – Liberty Pole V - Viroqua